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1. SUMMARY: AS MEETING OPENED IN UNCTAD WORKING GROUP ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER REPORTS FROM PARIS THAT USDEL WAS ABOUT TO ABSTAIN

ON UNESCO RESOLUTION ENDORSING DEVELOPMENT OF CHARTER.

- END SUMMARY.
- 2. IN TELEPHONE CALL TO AMBASSADOR MONDAY A.M. FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR TIME GIVEN TO HIM AT LUNCH AND DINNER BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8, AS WELL AS BY OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON FRIDAY. HE THEN EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER REPORTS FROM PARIS THAT US UNESCO DEL WILL ABSTAIN ON A RESOLUTION IN UNESCO SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF UNCTAD CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES. FOREIGN MINISTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAID US AMENDMENT TO ORIGINAL DRAFT HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BUT

THAT US STILL PLANNED ABSTAIN.

- 3. RABASA MOST CONCERNED THAT AT VERY MOMENT WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS OPENING IN MEXICO CITY, USG WOULD DEMONSTRATE TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RESERVATIONS ABOUT CHARTER. A U.S. ABSTENTION COMING IMMEDIATELY AFTER RABASA'S OWN VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD RISK BEING MISINTERPRETED BOTH INTENTIONALLY AND DOMESTICALLY.
- 4. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT NATURE OF UNESCO RESOLUTION NOR REASONS FOR US ACTIONS, ASSUMING ALL REPORTS ARE ACCURATE. WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION AT EARLIEST MOMENT. JOVA

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